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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/30/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/23/06
Broiler/fryer	169,944	166,895
Light hens	1,188	1,141
Heavy hens	1,512	1,397

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	94	0	94
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	0	0	0
Same week yr ago	367	0	367
To-date/2006	5,955	23	5,978
To-date/2005	10,140	40	10,180

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,148	1,384	2,532
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	970	1,542	2,512
Same week yr ago	1,596	1,529	3,125
To-date/2006	47,573	56,196	103,769
To-date/2005	66,162	54,057	120,219

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	165.750	1,054	1,384	2,438
Avg Wt	5.49	3.36	8.11	6.06
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,512	970	1,542	2,512
Same wk yr ago	165,401	1,229	1,529	2,758
Avg Wt	5.30	3.37	7.84	5.85
To-date/2006	6,132,473	41,618	56,173	97,791
To-date/2005	6,120,385	56,022	54,017	110,039

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.8 million head, or 3.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	45,348	84,922	18,623
Avg Weight	3.90	5.43	7.01
% of total /1	27%	51%	11%
Last week	39,683	91,524	24,754
Avg Weight	3.90	5.39	7.04
% of total /1	24%	55%	15%
Same week, yr ago /2	41,894	85,511	29,368
Avg Weight	3.81	5.31	7.01
% of total /1	25%	52%	18%
To date/2006	1,768,327	3,024,758	864,035
To date/2005	1,811,357	2,979,787	997,483

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,981	2,585	17	1	4,584
Avg Wt	18.02	36.73	25.99	61.42	28.61
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,026	2,644	35	0	4,705
Same wk yr ago	2,063	2,728	49	7	4,847
Avg Wt	16.25	35.46	25.80	27.50	27.17
To-date/2006	72,927	96,628	908	178	170,641
To-date/2005	66,771	97,793	915	160	165,639

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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